

REMARKS:

Claims 1-11 have been examined. Claims 7-11 have been withdrawn without traverse. On page 2, the Office Action states that “[t]his application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention.” While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Office Action’s analysis in view of pertinent rules and regulations, to expedite the examination, Applicant elects so-called “Species IV – Figures 8-9C.” Applicant respectfully submits Claims 1-6 claim the so-called “Species IV – Figures 8-9C.”

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Response fully responds to each requirement raised by the Office Action, and that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. If such action cannot be taken, however, the Examiner is cordially invited to place a telephone call to Applicant’s attorney to resolve any outstanding issue without the issuance of a further Office Action.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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